tions likely to be set up in Andhra Pradesh during the Eighth Five year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): The Eighth Plan has not been finalised so far and the number of coal-based thermal power plants likely to be set up in Andhra Pradesh during the Eighth Five Year Plan would be known only after its finalisation. However, Unit No. 4 of Vijaywada Thermal Power Project Extension —Unit 3 & 4 (2X210 MW) and Rayalseema Thermal Power Project (2X210 MW) are envisaged to be commissioned during 1990-91 and 1993-94 respectively.

Action taken on Reports of Commissioner of Railway Safety

2909. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) How many reports have been submitted by the Commissioner of Railway Safety during the last one year;

(b) What are the main features of these reports; and

(c) What action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Altogether 6 reports have been submitted by Commissioner of Railway Safety during 1989-90.

(b) In these reports, the nature and cause of accidents, the estimate of damages to Railway property, casualties, relief work etc. are examined. Apart from the above, the responsibility for accidents is fixed and specific recommendations on safety related aspects are made.

(c) In 3 cases Government have issued appropriate instructions on the basis of recommendations made. However, remaining 3 cases are under process for further action.

Irregularities in submission of Electricity Bills by DESU

2910. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances have mentioned in their *report about the gross irregularities* being committed by DESU in the submission of electricity bills to the consumers; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what corrective steps have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) According to the DESU the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances had conducted a study on the simplification of procedures for billing and refund of security deposits by DESU. In their report , it has *inter-alia* been suggested to follow a uniform procedure in all the Districts for preparation of meter-sheets: introduction of rotational meter reading. identification of connections where bills have not been issued for more than a year; introduction of spot billing system on trial basis, feasibility of issuing the first bill on actual reading and the next bill on assessment basis on monthly/ bi-monthly intervals; dispensing with the system of security deposit for Govt. accommodation and transfer of security deposits in case of private accommodation etc.

As a result of the implementation of many of the suggestions Study of the Team, and taking other measures to

improve and simplify the billing procedure in DESU and gradual stabilisation of the computerised billing system, DESU has been able to considerably bring down the incidence of incorrect and delayed billing.

Clearance of Bodhghat project

2911. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Government has recently approached the Central Government for clearance of the Bodhghat project on Indrawati river; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what is Central Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Bodhghat Hydro-electric Project was sanctioned in February, 1979 by the Planning Commission. As the forest land required for the Project was not transferred immediately after approval of the Project, the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 became applicable to it. The State Authorities have submitted a proposal for clearance of the Project under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests. The Project will be sanctioned again only after it is cleared under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Dukwan Hydel Scheme

2912. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Uttar Pradesh Government has proposed a hydro-electric scheme called Dukwan Hydel Scheme on Betwa river;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the above scheme will be a subsitute for the Orchha multipurpose project which would irrigate an area of 29150 ha. in the Niwari Tehsil of Tikamgarh District;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the population of Niwari Tehsil comprises of 33 per cent backward class people; and

(d) whether the Niwari Tehsil of Tikamgarh district will be deprived from irrigation benefits for all time to come due to the taking up of the Dukwan Hydel Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The Dukwan Hydro-electric Project (3×75 MW) envisaging construction of a power house at the toe of the existing dam across the Betwa river to utilise the regulated releases from existing Natatila and Dukwan reservoirs was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission in August, 1965 in the State sector. The project was, however, not taken up due to financial constraints. No fresh proposal/revised project report for taking up the scheme has been received in the Centtal Electricity Authority from the State Government.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected from the State Govt. and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Coal linkage to Kothagudem Thermal Power Station Stage-V Extension

2913. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal linkage has been sanctioned to Kothagudem Thermal Power Station Stage-V Extension;